

Nov Inc NOV under CEO Clay Williams



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2		H	T	T		3	2	2		7
1		H	T	T		3	2	2		7

HEXAGRAM 41 – Sun - Decrease

Above KEN KEEPING STILL, MOUNTAIN

Below TUI THE JOYOUS, LAKE

This hexagram **represents**

- a decrease of the lower trigram
- in favor of the upper, because
- the third line, originally strong, has **moved up** to the top, and
- the top line, originally weak, has **replaced it**. 1
- What is below is decreased to the **benefit of**
- what is above.

This is out-and-out decrease.

If

- the foundations of a building are decreased in strength and
 - the upper walls are strengthened,
- the whole structure loses its stability.

Likewise,

- a decrease in the prosperity of the people
- in favor of the government

is out-and-out decrease.

And

the entire theme of the hexagram is directed to showing how this shift of wealth can take place

without causing the sources of wealth in

- the nation and
- its lower classes

to fail.

THE JUDGMENT

DECREASE combined with sincerity

Brings about supreme good fortune

Without blame.

- One may be persevering in this.

It furthers one to undertake something.

How is this to be carried out?

- One may use two small bowls for the sacrifice.

Decrease does not under all circumstances mean something bad.

Increase and decrease come in their own time.

What matters here is

- to understand the time and
- not to try to cover up poverty with empty pretense.

If a time of scanty resource brings out an inner truth, one must not feel ashamed of simplicity.

For simplicity is then the very thing needed to provide inner strength for further undertakings.

Indeed, there need be no concern if the outward beauty of the civilization, even the elaboration of religious forms, should have to suffer because of simplicity.

One must draw on the strength of the inner attitude to compensate for what is lacking in externals; then the power of the content makes up for the simplicity of form.

There is no need of presenting false appearances to God.

Even with slender means, the sentiment of the heart can be expressed. 2

THE IMAGE

At the foot of the mountain, the lake: The image of DECREASE.

Thus the superior man

- controls his anger And
- restrains his instincts.

The lake at the foot of the mountain evaporates.

In this way

it decreases to the benefit of the mountain,
which is enriched by its moisture.

- The mountain stands as the symbol of a stubborn strength that can harden into anger.
- The lake is the symbol of unchecked gaiety that can develop into passionate drives at the expense of the life forces.

Therefore decrease is necessary;

- anger must be decreased by keeping still,
- the instincts must be curbed by restriction.

By this decrease of the lower powers of the psyche,
the higher aspects of the soul are enriched.